



Prairie City, Kansas, Sept. 10, 1857.

Temporary Suspension.

The far-famed tent, erected by the gallant and generous ladies of Prairie City for our office, has "gin out." Wind, rain, dust and wood-worm filings are elements which we have had to contend with for some time past; and now that they have gained the complete mastery over us, we are compelled to "pack up our duds" and suspend the publication of our paper until we get removed into our new office, which is now building. We exceedingly regret that we are obliged to resort to such proceedings, but our patrons must remember that "this is Kansas," and consequently make due allowances. We hope to appear again in the course of three or four weeks. Till then, adieu!

To the Free State Voters of Kansas.

The Executive Territorial Committee, appointed by the late Grasshopper Falls Convention, learn with extreme mortification that side issues are being introduced into the politics of the Territory, in different localities, the tendency of which is to divide and distract the party, and greatly reduce the Free State vote. In some localities, divisions are liable to arise, growing out of a desire to adjourn the Territorial Legislature in favor of a State organization. We beg our friends of the cause to be wholly silent on that subject, in their local election; but leave it to the good sense of a majority of the Free State members, when convened, and the circumstances surrounding them at the time of the assemblage of the Legislature, to guide them in the contingency.

In other localities the enemies of freedom are introducing the location of county seats as a source of discord. That our enemies will be fruitful in their inventions to circumvent us, and will resort to every expediency in their power to distract, there is no doubt; but the members of the Free State party who are guided by principle, will not listen for a moment to any influences which may tend to a division of our strength. The location of county seats will be settled by a fair vote of all the residents of a county, or by some other just and equitable arrangement; and the people will not allow such questions to influence them in their elections. In nominations, select good and true men; let the only interrogatory be: "Will he labor by an honorable means to make Kansas a Free State, and is he honest and capable?" These interrogatories, answered in the affirmative, should secure to the candidate every Free State vote in the district. This done, in a few months the great sources of discord will be settled, the common interest will be subserved, freedom fully established, and our local matters can then be looked after without endangering the freedom of the country, or hazarding a cause which has engaged the earnest attention of good men and true in all parts of the country.

GEO. W. SMITH, Ch'n.
Attest: G. W. HUTCHINSON, Sec'y.

The Right Kind of Talk.

We find the following righteous sentiments in one of our Illinois exchanges. We hope they are heartily endorsed by every lover of freedom throughout the country:

"No taxation without representation, was the principle upon which our Revolutionary battles were fought. Taxation without representation is what the present administration is trying to enforce upon the Free State men in Kansas. Such a course, persisted in, will kindle every spark of patriotic fire in the country into a flame. The people of this country are not willing that the principle of the American Revolution should be crushed out on the plains of Kansas; and the day that witnesses the success of the attempt, will be the day of doom to the Republic. Such an upheaving of the liberty-loving masses, such a kindling of the watch fires of freedom, such consolidation for resistance of tyranny will develop what has never before been chronicled on the page of history."

Death of Distinguished Persons.

Dr. THOMAS L. DICK, author of "The Christian Philosopher," and of several other works of a pious and instructive nature, which have met with high acceptance and popularity, expired at his residence in Broughty Ferry, where he had lived for the long period of more than thirty years, quietly prosecuting his astronomical studies, engaged in the labors of an unostentatious benevolence and enjoying the warm respect of all around him. Dr. Dick had attained the ripe old age of 83. The removal of one who had so far exceeded the ordinary limit of human life is scarcely a matter of surprise; but the example of his calm, genial, honorable and useful history, is one that should not be without its salutary influence. A year or two ago his services in popularizing science were acknowledged by the gift of one of those scanty pensions which are allotted to the reward of such labors. He was thrice married, and a widow survives him.

Eastern papers announce the death of the Hon. Franklin Dexter, formerly a distinguished lawyer and Whig politician in Boston. Mr. Dexter was the son of the Hon. Samuel Dexter, and was by birth and marriage connected with several of the most prominent and wealthy families in Massachusetts. At the bar, he occupied for many years a leading position, being esteemed both for his learning and eloquence, and his services being much sought after in criminal cases.

Eugene Sue is dead. The brilliant meteor, whose apparition in the horizon once dazzled so many eyes in each hemisphere, has at length fallen. He was not a man to be followed to his last home with earnest funeral commendation. His character lacked that force of principle essential to unity of purpose and a consistent career. Professing an ardent love of humanity, he was the most self-indulgent of mortals.

Among the deaths mentioned in the latest London papers, is that of Charles Bonaparte, Prince of Canino, the eldest son of Lucien Bonaparte, brother of the first Emperor, and well known by his work on the Birds of America, and by other contributions to natural science. He was born in Paris in 1803, and died there July 29th, at his residence in the Rue de Sette, at the age of 54. He had married Zenaide, the only daughter of Joseph Bonaparte, with whom he received a very large dowry. She died in 1854.

Hon. James C. Dobbin, late Secretary of the Navy, died at Fayetteville, N. C., on the 4th of August.

Select School.

We take pleasure in directing attention to the advertisement of Mr. W. N. SHED, under the caption of "Select School," to be found in our advertising columns. A good school is what is much needed in Prairie City, and from the partial acquaintance we have with Mr. SHED, we are of the opinion that he is possessed of all the qualifications essential to constitute a perfect teacher. Among the branches of education of which he proposes to give instruction, it will be observed, is Phrenology. This is a new feature to be introduced into common schools, and we consider it an excellent and very important one. We have no doubt but that Mr. SHED will meet with all the encouragement he desires.

Rats, Roaches, Bed Bugs, Insects.

"Costar's" Rat, Roach, &c., Extremator; "Costar's" Bed Bug Extremator; "Costar's" Electric Powder, for Ants, Insects, &c.; (The only infallible remedies known.) "Costar's" sends by mail, prepaid, a sample box of Rat, Roach, &c., Ext. to any address in the U. S., on receipt of \$1, or the Electric Powder for 65c. (The Bed-Bug Ext., being a liquid cannot be sent by mail.) "Costar's" will furnish Druggists, Dealers and Store-keepers, a \$10 Sample Package of his various preparations (assorted) with Circulars, Bills, Posters, &c., on receipt of \$5, (leaving balance of \$5 due when sold,) in order that they may test their merits.

See Advertisement. For Circulars, &c., address "Costar," No. 388 Broadway, N. Y.

Road Convention.

In pursuance of public notice, a Mass Convention was held at Prairie City, on Wednesday, Sept. 2d, to take preliminary steps for a road from the Kansas river near Wyandott, southward to the Neosho Valley. The following gentlemen were appointed the officers of the convention: President, Lieut. Gov. W. Y. ROBERTS, of Wyandott.

Vice Presidents, — Mr. BASSETT, of Quindaro; Mr. BARTLETT, of Gardner; Mr. AUSTIN, of Centropolis; Mr. GIFFORD, of Prairie City; Mr. OLIVER, of Susiana.

Secretaries, — Dr. H. J. CANNIFF, of Prairie City; J. M. WINCHELL, of Wyandott.

On motion of Mr. OLIVER, a business committee of five was appointed by the chair, consisting of Messrs. Dr. GRAHAM, of Prairie City; GRAY, of Wyandott; NEWMAN, of Quindaro; AUSTIN, of Centropolis, and BARTLETT, of Gardner. On motion, Judge McKAY of Wyandott, was added to the committee.

Judge McKAY, chairman of the committee, submitted the following report, which on motion, was accepted.

WHEREAS, The rapid settlement and growing interest of Southern Kansas, demand a more easy communication with the Missouri river, and

WHEREAS, It is for the interest of the Territory, that the commercial metropolis of this region be located within the limits of said Territory; therefore

Resolved, That a road be constructed from the mouth of Kansas River, leading to the south-west portion of Kansas Territory.

Resolved, That a committee of three from Quindaro, three from Wyandott, one from Susiana, one from Shawnee, one from Olathe, one from Prairie City and one from Centropolis be chosen, whose duty it shall be;—

1st, To solicit funds to defray the expenses of a preliminary survey.

2d, Employ one or more Engineers, who, under the direction of the committee, shall make a survey and plan of said road from the Kansas River southward.

3d, Put the same under contract at the earliest possible day.

4th, Confer with other towns interested on the same general route.

5th, Report at some future time and place to be fixed by this meeting. On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The following gentlemen were then appointed under the second resolution.

Quindaro—ALFRED GRAY, G. W. VEALE, M. D. NEWMAN.
Wyandott—J. M. WINCHELL, J. D. CHESNUT, DANIEL KILLIN.
Susiana—A. L. OLIVER.
Shawnee—CYPRIAN CHOTEAU.
Gardner—O. B. GARDNER.
Olathe—Dr. J. B. BARTON.
McCamish—J. M. HARGISS.
Prairie City—H. GIFFORD.
Centropolis—J. A. MARCELL.
Princeton—Mr. MALKONE.

On motion of Mr. OLIVER, the committee was directed to report at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at Olathe.

On motion of Mr. BARTLETT, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That in case any member of this committee cannot act, he may have power to appoint a substitute, and provided no substitute be thus appointed, the committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. WINCHELL, the members of the committee then present, were authorized to meet and organize their body immediately.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to prepare copies of the proceedings of this convention, for publication in the papers published in Quindaro, Wyandott, Prairie City and Centropolis, and that all other papers friendly to the road, be requested to publish the same.

On motion, it was resolved that this meeting do now adjourn to meet at Olathe, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at 12 o'clock, and that all persons interested in the road be invited to attend the convention.

H. J. CANNIFF, }
J. M. WINCHELL, } Secretaries.
Prairie City, Sept. 2d, 1857.

Attention is invited to the advertisement of Messrs. BASSETT & DUBOIS in our advertising columns.

Something Good for Ned Bowers.

PLEASANT RETREAT, PRIMA CITY K. T.
August 26th 1857.

EDITOR OF THE CHAMPION—DEAR SIR: In looking over your paper of the 6th inst., I discovered an advertisement which interested me, as I am a candidate for the same office of which it speaks. It reads somewhat thus:—"DEAR COLONEL, will you please to announce me as a candidate for matrimony," and it was signed at the bottom, "NED BOWERS." As I think myself fully able and competent to perform all the duties of a house-keeper, I would just say that I am of the required age with which the subscriber wishes to join his destiny; therefore, should this meet his eye, and also his approbation, let him communicate through the *Champion*, or personally, to me, (as his address is not known.) Now there are some things that I wish to be made known, so that a right understanding may be had on the subject, and that is this: Should I be so fortunate as to get a companion, he shall be sole proprietor and manager of all affairs with which the pantaloons community has to do under similar circumstances; that is, those which appertain to the family circle. Now, in regard to my personal beauty, I leave that for other people to say, which has been acknowledged by a host of admirers, to be the very ideal of beauty and witicism; therefore, I feel myself qualified to fill the bill that is required. Now I would state a few facts in respect to a married life, although I cannot speak from personal experience in the matter; yet from ocular demonstrations, I can say that there are a great number of family circles that are everything else but concord and harmony to my knowledge of them, and the reason is, because a faithful portraiture of themselves was not given in the premises. As for me, I would say that I never will unite myself to a man that indulges in gambling, in any or all its forms, either directly or indirectly; nor to a man that indulges in intoxicating liquors either directly or indirectly; for should I or any woman be joined to a man, that partakes of this "liquid poison," how soon would all the means of happiness be destroyed; though she rise at early dawn and pursue her daily avocation until the going down of the sun, and even until her midnight lamp goes out for want of replenishing, to earn what he so quickly spends; not as she had hoped, for the comforts of life, but the contrary—its worst miseries. From such a one let me be forever separated; there are enough of trials and difficulties to contend with in this troublesome world, which are unavoidable by nature.

Should the editor of the *Champion* think this worthy a place in his paper, he can use it any way he sees proper. As I am unacquainted with the manners and customs of corresponding with the press, I wish to be excused if I appear in an awkward position before the public.

LOVINA LITTLETON.

Getting Ready.

In compliance with the request of the last Topeka Conventions, the people throughout the Territory are enrolling themselves into militia companies for the protection of the ballot-box at the October election. In the vicinity of Prairie City two companies have been formed—one entitled "Prairie City Yankee Blues," Captain H. J. CANNIFF and the other, "Olathe Rangers," Captain T. J. MEWHINNEY. If the Border Ruffians attempt to play their old games at this election, they will receive one of the most exhorting drubbings that any set of deservedly flagellated beings ever got.

The following is that clause of the election law passed by the last session of the Lecompton Legislature, prescribing the qualifications of voters in October:

Sec. 5. Every bona fide inhabitant of the Territory of Kansas, being a citizen of the United States, over the age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided six months in the Territory before the next general election for members of the council and House of Representatives, and no other person whatever, shall be entitled to vote at any general election hereafter to be held in this Territory; *Provided, however,* that nothing in this contained shall be considered to apply to or effect in any manner the provisions of an act, entitled, "An act to provide for taking the census and electing delegates to a Convention."

(For the Freemen's Champion.)
Grecian Oil Painting.

BY WILHELMINIA.

Mr. Editor:—Thinking it might be interesting and perhaps instructive to those of your readers who love the fine arts, I send you a receipt for Grecian Oil Painting. The paintings are certainly beautiful—figures or landscapes; they are not very expensive, and are durable.

Try first, a small mezzotint engraving, paste it firmly on a frame a little larger than the picture. Pour sufficient spirits of turpentine on the back to moisten it well, then, putting on the Grecian varnish, rub it thoroughly with a stiff brush, and continue to apply until perfectly transparent; if white spots appear after leaving it two or three days, repeat the process. Paints to be put on the back of the picture—flesh tints—Flake White with a very little Vermilion and Naples Yellow. Eyes—blue, Permanent Blue and White. Hazel eyes—Yellow Ochre and Van Brown. Hair and eyebrows—Yellow Ochre and Van Brown, to vary a little, Raw Sienna. Back-grounds—The most agreeable tint is a greenish brown. White—Flake or silver white. Buff—Naples Yellow. Orange—Chrome Yellow, with Vermilion. Blue—Flake white and Prussian blue; Gray—White, Prussian blue, a touch of Vermilion. Pink—White, little Vermilion. Crimson—Vermilion, White, with Carmine on front. Green—Chrome yellow and Prussian blue. Paints for front of picture. It is necessary to use Drying oil with all the colors on the front. Shading for flesh—Carmine and Van Brown, laid on lightly, the edges touched off with the finger. Cheeks—Carmine, soften the edges carefully. Lips—Carmine, vary with a touch of Vermilion. Hair and eyebrows—Yellow lake and Van Brown. Eyes—same as hair, if blue—Permanent blue. Draperies—Are only shaded on the front. Van Brown, Backgrounds—If plain, glaze with Yellow lake. Foliage—Yellow lake and Van Brown. Sky and water are not painted on the front. For Landscape—Foliage—Chrome yellow and Prussian Blue, vary with any of the Browns. Sky—Clouds, touched in with White, for the rest, Permanent blue and White. Water—Light parts with white, the rest, same as Sky, if a bright scene and if overhung with trees, a greenish brown. Lay the paint on thick, and be careful to cover every part. When your painting is finished, let it lay three or four days to dry, then cover it with a coat of Mastic Varnish. The Grecian Varnish which is used in saturating the picture, is made—1 part Balsam fir, 1 part spirits turpentine, shake well, and add 2 parts Demar Varnish, 1 part Alcohol. The paints and pictures can be found at book-stores generally.

Phoenix, N. Y., Sept., 1857.

The M. E. Church of Kansas are to hold a camp-meeting at the mineral springs, near Prairie City, during the latter part of the present month, commencing on Saturday, 19th. They have selected a delightful grove for the purpose, and from the preparations making and the indications manifested, they evidently anticipate enjoying a "happy time."

THE PRINTERS ABOUT.—Among the company who left Memphis lately for the purpose of building a wagon road to the Pacific from Little Rock, there were eight printers. When was it that an expedition of an exciting or romantic nature was set on foot, that printers were not found enrolled as members?

The yearly expenses of the Chicago post office amounts to about \$74,000. There are 87 clerks engaged in the office, at an average salary of \$7,000. There are in the office, 2,123 boxes, which rent at \$8,298 a year, and 342 drawers, which rent at \$2,250. The receipts for the last quarter are stated at \$200,000.

HARPER'S WEEKLY, a journal of civilization, published at N. Y. City, has reached a weekly circulation of nearly seventy thousand copies and the editions are steadily increasing. It is of the same size of the London *Illustrated News*, and the mechanical execution of its illustrations are equal to those of that journal.



Advices from St. Paul, Minnesota, to the 15th ult., state that the Republican wing of the Constitutional convention has nearly completed a constitution. No progress had been made towards uniting the two conventions. A Republican State convention has been called, to meet Sept. 9th, at St. Paul, to nominate a delegate to Congress, &c. Plug Ugly Douglas is in the territory making speeches.

The interior department has received intelligence from a reliable gentleman and fugitive mormon, that Brigham Young is preparing to resist Gen. Harney; and that he has relapsed into the grossest infidelity, and that he continues to hold up the government of the United States to the supreme contempt of the mormons.

An examination of the Treasury department of the State of Ohio, shows the defalcation to be upwards seven hundred thousand dollars. This was the act of John G. Breslit, the democratic Treasurer, and who was displaced when the Republicans came into power. Breslin with his family has left for Canada.

Cairo, Illinois, is going ahead, as will be seen from the following extract from the proceedings of the common council of that city:

Resolved, That the street commissioners be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in cutting down the weeds in the streets of the city.

Their will be a heavy wheat crop put in throughout the Territory this fall. A large amount of ground is already being broken for the purpose. This is well. Every landholder should sow as many acres as possible, to supply the immigration of next year.

Some of the advance waves of the tide of Fall immigration have already rolled up the Missouri from the East. Advices from New England, Ohio, and other Eastern and Middle States indicate the immigration this season will be unprecedentedly heavy.

The Knoxville *Whig* is confident that east Tennessee will be able to sell two millions of bushels of wheat the present season. The farmers in the counties tributary to Hickman are likely to realize a million of dollars from their wheat crop alone.

The Mobile *Mercury* has received discouraging accounts of the cotton crop, from almost every section of Alabama and eastern Mississippi, but the crop of wheat and oats is extraordinary, and a great yield of corn is promised.

The enrollment of names, and organization of citizens to protect the ballot-boxes at the October election is progressing rapidly throughout the Territory. In many localities the organization is already perfected.

At Edwardsville, Ill., on the 9th ult., a Mrs. Wallace was safely delivered of two healthy boys, and a Mrs. Somers of three. Four other boys were born in that town on the same day. Suckersasses, ahoy!

The Washington correspondent of Forney's *Press*, says it is reported that the National hotel, which, as a public house, has been ruined by the disease which goes by its name, will be remodeled for a theatre.

Stephens, of Georgia, announces himself a candidate for congress, and decidedly but courteously condemns Gov. Walker's course in Kansas, and thinks he should be recalled.

Col. Keitt, of South Carolina, speaks of Robert J. Walker as "a vagrant orator, strolling player and political mountebank."

Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, the well known original of the Bloomer costume, has taken up her abode at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. Swishelm, formerly the editor of the *Pittsburg Saturday Visitor*, is now residing at St. Cloud, Minnesota.

There are on the average ten deaths a day by cholera at St. Petersburg.

There are three colored students in the medical school at Pittsburg.